Gadget II

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Finally ! ! !

Welcome! This is it! The first issue of the new Gadget Newsletter, or should I say **Gadget II** as I am calling it.

I promise it not to be the last as long as the newsletter serves it's purpose and is wanted by you the reader.

In order for the **Gadget II** to be successful, I will need your help and input to make this a good newsletter.

A special thank you goes to Jay Gross for his input and help in getting this project off of the ground. I welcome any comments he or anyone else might have to make this mess worth reading.

If you have something that you would like to contribute to the newsletter, just leave me E-Mail on the BBS (Bob B./ Bob Bynum). I try to make every meeting, so you could also try to get hold of me at the meetings.

Special Congratulations goes to David Jones for his awesome art work that made its way into the Toaster Gallery inside the Video Toaster User magazine. If you missed it get you a copy of the October / November 93 issue and check it out. They are worth seeing!

September was a good month with some exciting DEMOs (come-on more demos).

If you missed them the first one was presented to us by Tom Crews demo of his Toaster 4000. The demonstration was enough to take a breath or two away. Great Job and Thanx Tom!!.

During the next meeting, Fred Layberger (who by the way is new to us / working for NCR now, he came from Commodore) gave us a very impressive demo of AmigaVision and Scala MM. Both demonstrations showed off the ease of the Amiga to assemble together a TRUE Multimedia presentation that gives you truely professional results!!!

Commodore Stock Soars

$4.50 a share for

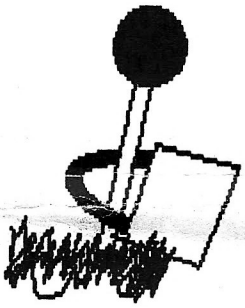
Commodore Stock. This piece started out being a joke to add a little humor to the newsletter. However, Commodore and it's brilliant way of screwing things up, ruined my joke. On Friday, November 5th, shares for Commodore stock rose by a whopping $1.50 a share, the greatest one day gain for the stock in over a year after nothing but declining figures.

The Question is, how long will this trend continue (my guess, 30 minutes). I tried to find out why, but received no real revelation to this question. I did call Creative Computers and talked to a salesman. He informed me that they had an increased rate of sales of Amigas lately but did not have any figures to give....keep in mind that this was a sales person and not an executive for the company.

Another possible reason for the increase could be from speculation of a stronger Christmas season. Looking at the economy, I don't think so. What ever the reason, it happened! Will it last? We will see.

Is Commodore on the Rebound? Is it on the Move? Or is it Dead in the grass?

The usual Commodore slammer, the **Famed Bandito** of Amazing Computing offered a few words of encouragement in that magazines last issue.



During the World of Commodore in Pasadena, California, the attendance was down over previous years.....However as reported by the few remaining Amiga magazines, many new products were being displayed.

And for the gamer we have new titles. Some are IBM imports and others are Euro. imports. The bottom line...More Gaming titles.

For some of us AGA owners, we are now starting to see AGA version of games along with some AGA only version games.

We are not out of the water, but we are not drowning either!!!

GAME DREAMS BECOME TRUE

NEW AGA GAMES

COME FROM MARS!

OK, SO THEY ARE COMING FROM EUROPE. Six months ago, it might have well been Mars. The Amiga Game market seemed dead in the water. Not no more!

The Game market is still not what it used to be, but this Christmas will be better.

It appeared the Amiga game market died and went some place. New games were few and far between. A drought that hit South Carolina originated at Amiga Game Land. Wait, here comes some clouds, the silver lined type clouds. **GAMES!!!** yes, games. Lately there has come from across the water, **GAMES.**

It started with some imports from the world of clone land Gunship 2000, SimLife, A-train and more. True, Gunship 2000 has been with the Clone world for awhile, but at least now they can't boast Amiga doesn't have it.

Then comes Zool, not a clone special, but an original for the Amiga.

Now we are seeing something more special to a few of us. **AGA GAMES.** With the release of the A4000 and then the 1200, there was a promise of a return to games. It has been a year. They said, "If you build it (buy it), they will come". They didn't come.

But wait, here for Christmas ... **AGA GAMES.** Not two or three, but many.

Thanx to Amiga World (tm) magazine, I have a list for the few AGA owners out there. (A4000 owners beware! The article says A1200 specific games)

Here is the list:

AIR BUCKS 1.2 <Impressions> (clone beam me upper)- ALIEN BREED 2 <Team 17> - BENEATH A STEAL SKI < Virgin> - BODY BLOWS GALACTIC <Team 17> - BRUTAL SPORTS FOOTBALL <Millennium> - BURNING RUBBER <Ocean> - THE CHAOS ENGINE <Renegade> - CIVILIZATION <MicroProse> - DAY OF THE TENTACLE <LucasArts> - DENNIS <Ocean> - DIGGER <Millennium> (CD32 import trimmed down.) The list goes one, 32 more. See Dec. Issue of Amiga World.

Best Prices!

Here they Are!

These are the best prices found in the Amiga magazines. There are a lot of good deals out there and these are the best I could find in the advertizements. The Adds were found in Amazing Computing (tm) **and Amiga World**(tm):

Computer Answers (306) 764- 2888

A3000/25 $598.00
CD32 $348.00
A1200 hd 40 $498.00

Seclect Solutions (800) 322-1261

DPAINT IV AGA $99.00 (European verson)
CDTV titles $15-20.00

Creative Computers (800) 872-8882
A3000 UXD (Unix) 9 megs ram +++ $1399.00
C1960 Monitor $375.00 (a still)
C1084SD $189.00
DCTV $289.00

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THE NEWLETTER NEEDS YOUR HELP

Gadget II is in need of articals, review, rumors, cartoons or political stile graphics by you the reader.

If you have any ideas that spring up in your head, make them known to the editor. That is the guy who can't type or spell. He is the same guy that doesn't have the foggiest idea of what he is doing (ME).

This is our Newsletter. **Be a part!**

If you have anything that you would like to contribute (Millions of $$$, CASH ONLY of COARSE!) to the Newsletter, you can upload it to the BBS or Mail it to me at the address at the end of this page. You can also see me at most club meetings.

I would like to thank all those who have helped so far! Thanx!!

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